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## Congressman Dent supports sanctions against North Korea

The claim of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (the "DPRK", or North Korea) that it has detonated a nuclear device is intentionally provocative, and an act in defiance of more than a decade of diplomatic efforts by the United States and our allies. Whatever the intentions of its regime may be, North Korea is on a dangerous course, one in which it cannot prevail. I support a strong and united front against these actions.

I fully support the President's request to the United Nations that this body impose sanctions upon the DPRK. I am also pleased that China and Japan have likewise condemned North Korea's activities. This is particularly important as it relates to the Chinese, since Beijing has long been a supporter of the DPRK.

Both of these nations recognize that the DPRK's reckless act promises to undermine the balance of power in East Asia and also constitutes a threat to countries both within and without the region. This kind of belligerence will only serve to further isolate North Korea from the community of nations and is a call to collective action by that community in order to make sure that peace is maintained.

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